



Rabun County Water and Sewer Authority Meeting Minutes June 9, 2026

I. Call to Order

Chairman Sam Beck called to order the June 2026 regular business meeting of the Rabun County Water and Sewer Authority (RCWSA) at 10:00 AM, June 9, 2026, at the Rabun County Water and Sewer Authority Business Office, 137 Hiawassees Street, Clayton, Ga.

II. Roll Call

Chairman Sam Beck, Vice Chairman Jeff Hunter, Dee Van Camp, David Hart, John Joyce, Stephen Arbitter, Claude Rickman and Kurt Cannon were present at the RCWSA Business Office. A quorum was present. In attendance were General Manager Brendan Thompson and Human Resources Coordinator Josh Rimes.

III. Approval of minutes from prior meetings

Minutes of the regular meeting on May 12, 2026, had been e-mailed to the members. Mr. Hunter made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Van Camp. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

IV. General Manager's Report

- May 2026 ending balance on RCWSA Operating Bank Account is \$ 148,080.41
- May 2026 Water System Total Billings: \$ 282,567.72
- May 2026 Wastewater System Total Billings: \$ 168,409.24
- May 2026 Water and Wastewater Total Billings: \$ 450,976.96
- May 2026 Accounts/Receivable (A/R's) \$ 117,576.81 as of 5/31/2026
- South Water System (LRWTP) pumped to distribution system volume for April 2026 was 29,188,000 gallons. Pumped to distribution system volume for May 2026 was 31,667,000 gallons; an increase of 2,479,000 gallons or 8.5% from April 2026 to May 2026. There was one (1) new connection for the month of May 2026.
- Little Tennessee WTP pumped to distribution system for April 2026 was 25,074,000 gallons. Pumped to distribution system volume for May 2026 was 23,294,000 gallons; a decrease of 1,780,000 gallons or -7.1% from April 2026 to May 2026. There were no new connections for the month of May 2026.

- Meter readings for May 2026 were taken by RCWSA on May 20, 2026. Bills were sent out on May 29, 2026.
- Unaccounted-for water volume for the South Water System for the month of May 2026 was 44.3%.
- Unaccounted-for water volume for the North Water System for the month of May 2026 was 54.7%
- Total Water System Unaccounted-for Volume Percentage for the month of May 2026 was 47.9%.
- At the RCWRF and the SCWRF, regular preventive maintenance on motors and machinery is ongoing. Mr. Thompson stated that the three (3) Influent Pumps and Check Valves at the SCWRF were being replaced starting June 16, 2026.
- Mr. Thompson stated there were no new sewer connections for May 2026.
- Fire hydrant replacement, maintenance and valve exercising is ongoing.

V. RCWSA Water and Sewer Systems Update

The Board discussed billing and meter status.

VI. Master Plan for the Consolidated Water and Wastewater System

The Board discussed the Master Plan for the RCWSA's Water and Wastewater System. The Master Plan application was approved July 25, 2025 and will be effective October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2027. Sewer manhole locates and condition scope from Woolpurt, a subconsultant for EMI, to be done under the Master Plan has been reviewed and those services started March 9, 2026.

VII. Generators - Lake Rabun Water Treatment Plant, Raw Water Pump Station and South Tiger Booster Pump Station

The Board discussed purchasing generators for the Lake Rabun Water Treatment Plant, the Lake Rabun Raw Water Pump Station and the South Tiger Booster Pump Station. Mr. Thompson and Mr. Bryan have submitted a GEMA Disaster Relief Grant on March 13, 2026 to fund the purchase of the generators. Mr. Thompson is following up regularly on the status of the GEMA Grant.

VIII. Mountain City Sanitary Sewer Improvements

The Board discussed scheduling for Design, GEFA Loan Funding, Land Acquisition, Bids and Construction. Bids are planned to go out in October 2026. Construction is planned to begin in January 2027.

IX. Stekoa Creek Water Reclamation Facility - Equalization Basin

The Board discussed the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for the proposed Equalization Basin at the SCWRF. Mr. Thompson stated that the RCWSA has applied for a \$50,000 GEFA grant to fund this PER.

X. Leak Analysis and Detection

Mr. Thompson stated that the RCWSA has hired Mack Jones to assist with leak analysis and detection. Mr. Thompson stated that several data loggers have been placed and leak detection analysis is ongoing. Mr. Thompson also stated that Control Valves had been installed at the Greg Peters Tank and the Big Screamer Tank on Knots Lane to assist in water flow control to identify leaks. Mr. Thompson indicated that Control Valves were planned to be installed also at the Mountain City Tank and the Buzzard's Roost Tank.

XI. Approval of Invoices

Mr. Joyce made a motion to approve invoices, seconded by Mr. Hunter.
ALL IN FAVOR.

XII. Jeff Hunter submitted his resignation effective June 10, 2026.

ADJOURN - Mr. Rickman made a motion to adjourn.